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In re Application of:

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For: SECURE DATA INTERCHANGE

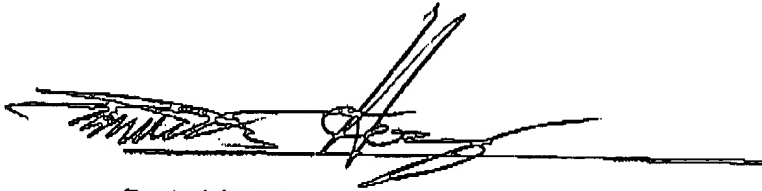
DECLARATION OF FREDERICK HERZ

I, Frederick Herz, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the application identified above, titled SECURE DATA INTERCHANGE, US Application Serial Number 09/899,098.
2. The first provisional application for the invention described and claimed in the present application was filed on October 27, 1999. This provisional application provides support for the claims in the present application.
3. I prepared the original provisional application myself. It took me a little more than one year to prepare the document, including ongoing work on the invention. I began in late August or early September 1998, and had the draft prepared in October 1999.
4. Once I had the draft prepared, I sent it to the patent attorney working for me at the time, who filed it in short order. There was no substantial delay between my sending the written description to the attorney and his filing of same.

5. Thus, I was in complete conception of the invention, and diligently working to reduce the description to written form, prior to August 31, 1999.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frederick Herz', is written over a horizontal line.

Frederick Herz

Date: 5/17/05